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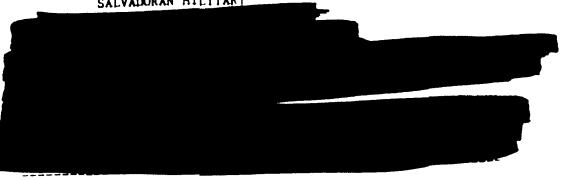
COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ:

MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE TO RESOLVE

JESUIT MURDER CASE AND ADDRESS CORRUPTION IN THE

SALVADORAN MILITARY

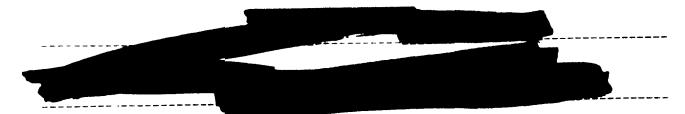


TEXT: 1. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1990,

STATED THAT MEMBERS OF TWO SALVADORAN MILITARY GRADUATING CLASSES, OR "TANDAS," ARE PRESSURING MINISTER OF DEFENSE COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)) TO RESOLVE THE JESUIT MURDER CASE AND ELIMINATE WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION IN THE SENIOR ECHELONS OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) ATTENDED A PARTY AT WHICH SENIOR HILITARY OFFICERS DISCUSSED THE PRESSURE BEING APPLIED ON PONCE BY THE "TANDA" OF ESAF LT. COL.



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CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)), AND ANOTHER TANDA (NFI), TO RESOLVE THE ABOVE ISSUES. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISCUSSION WERE SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, FORMER ESAF COLONEL AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE LEMPA RIVER HYDROELECTRIC COMMISSION; RETIRED GENERAL RAFAEL HUMBERTO ((LARIOS)), FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE; RETIRED GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), FORMER COMMANDER OF THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE; AND ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF ARENA. COMMENT: HERNANDEZ GRADUATED FROM THE SALVADORAN MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1973.)

HERNANDEZ GRADUATED FROM THE SALVADORAN MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1973.) THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED ON THE NEED TO RESOLVE THE ABOVE ISSUES IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE "TANDONA," (SALVADORAN HILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966) MUST BE FORCED THE NECESSITY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION;

D'AUBUISSON AS THE PARTICIPANTS EMPHASIZED INTO RETIREMENT IN ORDER TO PURGE THE ESAF OF ITS MOST CORRUPT ACTION ON PONCE'S PART; FAILING ACTION BY PONCE, D'AUBUISSON SAID "SOMETHING WILL HAVE TO BE DONE." BUSTILLO VOCIFEROUSLY REPLIED THAT HE COULD GUARANTEE PILOTS AND "ELITE TROOPS" TO INTERVENE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) IF IT WERE DEEMED NECESSARY.